

**Nottinghamshire County Council
SACRE Meeting**

William Booth Birthplace museum

**Wednesday 23 November 2016
6.45pm**

Minutes

Present	Representing
Ashley Mortimer	Pagan Network
Andrea Burrows	Assemblies of God
Andrew Whitehouse	Salvation Army
Mark Aske	NCC
Dr Anne Lumb	Church of England
Craig Moxham	Church of England
Cllr Darren Langton	councillor
Craig Moxham	Church of England
Fiona Hunter	Nottingham Trent University
Gail Brockway	Secondary teacher
Godfrey Nix	Baha'i
Graham Jennings	United Reformed Church
Irfan Malik	Ahmadiyya Muslim Association
Kate Charlesworth	Church of England
Ken Johnson	Secretary
John Heard	Methodist
Julie Obermeyer	Curator of William Booth Birthplace Museum
Ken Johnson	Secretary, SACRE
Mel Gotheridge	Buddhist
Michael Groves	Roman Catholic
Mike Arnold	Baptist
Mike Follen	NAHT
Pippa Ling	Society of Friends
Russell Davies	Pagan network
Tara Flanagan	Holocaust centre
Val Jones	NCC/minuter

1. Welcome

Graham Jennings welcomed everyone to the meeting as newly elected vice chair from group D and acted as chair in Cllr Liz Plant's absence as she was ill. As there were a few new faces everyone introduced themselves

- 2. Presentation** from Julie Obermeyer the curator of the museum. Julie had a very interesting powerpoint presentation and gave a quick tour of the museum. Graham thanked Julie for her presentation and tour.

3. Apologies and membership

Apologies received from;

Cllr Liz Plant

Suresh Gunpatrao

Richard Linford
Bethan Inglis
David Maddison
Naomi Posner

Ralph Surman
Tania Goldsmith
Santokh Singh Nijran
Krys Pietryka

Andy Fox – Mark Aske representing
Gemma Pettifor – Andrea Burrows representing

Membership:

Godfrey Nix was re co-opted from the Baha'i community for another 2 years as this had expired at the last meeting

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

Agreed to be a true record

5. Action points from the minutes update

- a) Holocaust event May 2017 – Ken updated the group as 10 schools are now booked on the event and we have a waiting list. Andy confirmed that this day can be funded for 2017, not certain for the following year. There would need to be an annual review.
- b) Collective worship document - this has been circulated by Andy Fox. John Heard asked for an update on the distribution of the document. Mark fed back on behalf of Andy, the document was issued to schools. At training events we have received some positive feedback from teacher governors. John asked if there had been any response from governors to be on the report. Michael said not sure how to ask schools how they have acted on the report. Should we offer training to Governors on Collective Worship? The document states that further support materials will be available from SACRE, Ken asked for volunteers for a working group. Anne would be happy to be involved a working group, Kate would also be happy to be involved, Godfrey Nix said he could get resources as he is also chair of the Nottingham Interfaith Council. John will join Anne and Kate on the group, an email group would be a good idea.
- c) University of Nottingham – Ken had invited the University to come along to raise their concerns but no one had come.

6 Any matters arising not on the agenda

Ken has received a freedom of information request on RE visitors in schools, most of which we don't have the information as schools are not required to give the information to SACRE, Ken has compiled a response which he has asked Andy to approve.

7 SACRE effectiveness plan 2015 - 2021

This is a working document which is brought up to date at the start of each year to remind us of what we need to be doing to be an effective SACRE.

8 Draft Annual Report

The Document was scrutinised section by section by SACRE and feedback was received which resulted in some discussion and healthy debate. It was noted that there was a numbering issue concerning the sections and a few corrections would be needed after proof reading.

The section Standards in RE in Nottinghamshire was discussed especially in view of the fact that we couldn't obtain figures for GCSE short Course whilst nationally they were available. NASACRE had said that they should be available previously. **Andy was to be asked whether he could obtain the figures.**

Gender statistics were included in this report as NASACRE had asked they be included. The Section on Targets raised the most discussion at the meeting whether we should challenge schools and governors or encourage them in the delivery of RE and Collective Worship?

Questions were raised on how to challenge; are we able to challenge? How would we provide training for governors at events when some schools do not buy into the Governor packages from the Authority? Gail asked how we are going to challenge particularly as RE is getting marginalised, it is difficult enough to keep RE in schools. Cllr Langton said that governors have a legal obligation to provide collective worship. Ken said Ofsted do not report on worship in schools, we only know if a parent complains that there is a problem. Frustration exists with the lack of control SACRE has over this.

After consultation in the various groups it was decided to leave the four points as they stand. The amendments were taken on board and the report would be amended and proof read.

Action: Ken to make the amendments before sending.

Andy to look at getting the information regarding the county information.

9 Developments locally/nationally on RE of Document D

Ken gave an overview on document D. It had been pleasing to see that SACRE members have shown an interest in attending RE courses.

NASACRE Constitution changes: At the AGM there had not enough SACRES represented to vote on changing the constitution as not quorate by the existing constitution 154 SACRES in NASACRE, not a majority attended the last meeting. NASACRE wished to ask SACRE whether to move forward to the new constitution or stay with the old one at their meetings. Ask groups to vote on this. Note Cllr Langton voted yes although his group was not quorate, all other groups voted yes. **Ken would return the decision on behalf of SACRE**

On page 4 Ken directed us to the SACRE award, deadline is December 12 2016. We could include the Holocaust event, the British Values events. **Ken asked if there was a member who would be willing to work on the application for the award.** Tara took a printed copy of it to contact Ken later.

The APPG report "Improving Religious Literacy" has 24 recommendations on it, the first ten relating to RE were circulated. Graham asked for these points to be e-mailed to all members of SACRE as they might be important to re-visit in a future SACRE.

Action: Val to email document to all SACRE members

Anne referred to the teaching of Christianity course mentioned on page 6 of the document, a resource for all schools, 50 church schools had engaged in training so far. Discussions were in hand about making this available to County Schools in the future in addition to our CPD offer to schools including secondary schools.

10 Group interchange of news

Next week the Living Well together event is being hosted in Southwell Minster, Cllr Liz Plant is coming in the afternoon,

11 Date of next meeting

The next SACRE meeting will be on February 22 2017 **at Haddon Primary & Nursery School, Haddon Close, Carlton Nottingham NG4 4GT**

Subsequent meeting will be on June 21 2017 at the Holocaust Centre.

Meeting concluded at 8.40 pm